URGES PUPILS TO TAKE THEM

Maddox Offers His Solution to Bussing---Steal the Tires

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ATLANTA—Gov. Lester Maddox urged Georgia school children Friday to steal the tires off their school buses rather than allow themselves to be transported for purposes of desegregation.

Reacting to the reversal Thursday by the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals of a U.S. district judge's ruling delaying student integration in two central Georgia counties and ordering integration by Feb. 16, Maddox declared:

"Students should continue to go back to their old schools and not get on the first durn bus. They ought to flatten the tires. Somebody ought to let the air out of 'em and steal 'em."

And parents should "love" and "protect" their children in such acts, Maddox said. "Just because the politicians and the judges are cowards doesn't mean they have to be," he said.

Maddox had previously urged public rallies against integration orders and student boycotts against affected schools but this is the first time this year that he or any other Southern governor has urged unlawful action by students to preserve the status quo.

The governor spoke out on a day when it was announced he and three

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THE WEATHER

Light smog today.

U.S. Weather Bureau forecast: Variable high clouds today with increasing clouds Sunday. Slightly cooler on Sunday. High today, 72. High Friday, 75; low, 50.

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